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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - NORTH KOREA - TOKYO

LEAD STORIES: Wednesday morning's Sankei gave top play to remarks by PM Abe in an interview with the Washington Post, in which he indicated that he would study whether Japan is permitted under its Constitution to shoot down a ballistic missile flying over Japanese territory en route to the US.

1. "Japan Shows Resolve on DPRK Sanctions" The top-circulation, moderate Yomiuri editorialized (11/15): "Not easing pressure on North Korea is the best way to make the six-party talks on its nuclear program a success. Further diplomatic efforts are needed to maintain and strengthen the international 'net' around Pyongyang. The GOJ has embargoed 24 'luxury items,' such as jewelry and perfume, from export to North Korea. This measure, which takes effect Wednesday, is in line with UNSC Resolution 1718.... Japan is the second country to implement such measures following Switzerland.... Whatever the actual impact of the embargo, it serves to make clear Japan's determination not to ease sanctions on the DPRK until that country abandons its nuclear and missile programs...."

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